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reading a cookie or a file on a receiving machine to obtain the user profile or obtaining a preference language from a single sign-on system, such as Microsoft Passport® or other information repository.

6. A seamless translation system comprising:

- 5 an originating computer sending an electronic communication;
 a receiving computer receiving a translated electronic communication;
 a network connecting the originating computer to the receiving computer; and

10 a translation manager performing the steps of:

automatically determining the language of the electronic communication;

automatically determining the preferred language of a user of the receiving computer;

15 obtaining a translation from the language of the communication to the language of the user; and

sending the translated communication to the user.

7. A seamless translation system comprising:

an electronic communication originating from a source and in a source language containing a translation identifier;

20 a user profile; and

a translation manager including means for determining the source language and a target language of said electronic communication;

wherein the translation manager executes a required translation of said source language to said target language using the translation identifier and the user profile.

25 8. A seamless translation system comprising:

an originating computer sending an electronic communication;

a receiving computer receiving a translated electronic communication;

a network connecting the originating computer to the receiving

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computer;

automatic means for determining the language of the electronic communication;

5 automatic means for determining the preferred language of a user of the receiving computer;

means for obtaining a translation from the language of the communication to the language of the user; and

means for sending the translated electronic communication to the user.

10 9. A seamless translation system according to claim 8 further comprising a translation manager, said translation manager including:

 said automatic means for determining the language of the electronic communication;

15 said automatic means for determining the preferred language of a user of the receiving computer;

 said means for obtaining a translation from the language of the communication to the language of the user; and

 said means for sending the translated electronic communication to the user.

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